



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2561

**A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior
to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources
to commemorate and interpret the Cold War**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

S. 2561 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to identify sites and make recommendations for commemorating the Cold War. A nine-member committee would advise the Secretary on preparing the study and publishing an interpretive handbook on the Cold War. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 for those activities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that it would cost the National Park Service \$500,000 over the next four years to complete the required study and to publish the handbook. Enacting S. 2561 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.